



GREENLAND DISCOVERY: WEST GREENLAND ABOARD NEW BOUTIQUE EXPEDITION VESSEL

Break away to a remote and remarkable region of the world on our 11-day Greenland Discovery: West Greenland tour aboard our boutique ship. Traditional ways of life can still be seen against a backdrop of stunning arctic scenery and immense mountains. We navigate through an intricate fjord system that teems with floating icebergs, river valleys and hillsides that keep the secrets of Norse people and settlements more than 4,500 years old. Discover UNESCO-listed World Heritage sites, Viking ruins, the pathways of Inuit migrations along unspoilt, picturesque waterways that meet with crystal-clear waterfalls. Join us on our tour of a fascinating and varied part of Greenland.



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DAY 1, REYKJAVIK

In the centre of Iceland's sprawling capital city, the modern organ-pipe-shaped Hallgrímskirkja church dominates the top of town. Cosy bars, cafes and shops line the surrounding streets heated by Iceland's geothermal waters. The regenerated harbour is home to a striking modern concert hall. Popular trips include to the Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa near the village of Grindavik, and the Golden Circle tour taking in Gullfoss Waterfall and the mighty Strokkur geyser in Thingvellir National Park.

DAY 2, AT SEA

As you cruise to your next port of call, spend the day at sea savouring the ship's facilities and learning about your destination's many facets from the knowledgeable onboard



experts. Listen to an enriching talk, indulge in a relaxing treatment at the spa, work out in the well-equipped gym, enjoy some down-time in your cabin, share travel reminiscences with newly found friends: the options are numerous.

DAY 3, SKJOLDUNGEN

On the craggy east coast of Greenland, the stunningly scenic, U-shaped Skjoldungen Fjord is surrounded by lofty snow-capped mountains, dwarf birch, Arctic wildflowers and willow forests with the Thrym Glacier at one end. High rock walls, serpentine rivers and large crevasses of ice pillars known as seracs give way to carved icebergs in the fjord that gleam in a white to blue spectrum. You also have the opportunity to see whales under pure blue skies.

DAY 4, PRINS CHRISTIAN SUOND & AAPILATTOQ

The small, colourful and pretty Nordic homes of Aappilattoq, the only settlement in Prins Christian Sund, stand stark against snow-tipped mountain ridges in this icy wilderness. A beautifully dramatic fjord in the south of Greenland, in Prins Christian Sund we move among fin, blue and minke whales, while you may also see muskox, polar bears and bearded seals. Enjoy these unspoilt, picturesque waterways where magnificent glaciers tower and granite cliffs yield to crystal-clear waterfalls.

DAY 5, NANORTALIK & UUNARTOQ

On a small island, surrounded by soaring peaks, Nanortalik is

Greenland's most southerly town. Charming coloured houses in bright turquoise, magenta, lime green and orange make the 'Place of Polar Bears' an enchanting stop, with an historic quarter and distinct wooden church surrounded by woodlands and floating sea ice to the west. Uunartoq is famed for its natural hot springs with a stone-dammed pool that is warm enough to bathe in bringing together three naturally heated springs.

DAY 6, QAQORTOQ & HVALSEY

Formerly known as Julianeha, Qaqortoq is the largest city in South Greenland and sits at the base of the excellent UNESCO listed Kujataa World Heritage Site with its Norse (Viking) ruins. It has an outdoor sculpture gallery, Stone and Man, with a spouting whale fountain. Hvalsey ('Whale Island') northeast of Qaqortoq houses Greenland's largest and best-preserved Norse ruins site 'Eystribyggd'. Its 12th century Norwegian style church is constructed from stones weighing more than 5 tons individually.

DAY 7, QASSIARSUK (BRATTAHLID)

Viking explorer Eric the Red sailed into Eriksfjord in AD 985 and made Brattahlíð his private estate. It became a large Viking settlement of around 5,000 people, known as the Eastern Settlement. Today sheep farmers make a living much like the Norse did more than 1,000 years ago, boasting the oldest church built in the Americas. These river valleys and hillsides bear traces of Norse relics and overlooking the village is a bronze statue of Erik the Red himself.



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DAY 9, NUUK (GODTHAB)

Home to more than a third of Greenlanders, the capital of Nuuk can easily deceive you that you're travelling through such a wild and secluded country. Also known by its Danish name of Godthab (Good Hope), you'll see the busy old Colonial Harbour with Nuuk Cathedral prominent, colourful wooden houses, avant-garde architecture and a wonderful array of fjords with clear ice waters and an unspoiled mountain backdrop. Look out for whales and on land arctic foxes, arctic hares and reindeer.

DAY 10, KANGAAMIUT & EVIGHEDSFJORD

Kangaamiut is a port village located on a small island in Davis Strait - a settlement founded in 1755 - and is located impressively beside the openings of two, long and spectacular fjords. The original name of Sukkertoppen (Sugarloaf) came from the nearby pinnacle-shaped mountains and today is a characterful town set up on the area's many hills. The scenery here is jaw-dropping as fjords reach endlessly between jagged

cliffs and white-tailed eagles and black-legged kittiwakes take flight.

DAY 11, KANGERLUSSUAQ

At the head of one of the longest fjords in western Greenland, Kangerlussuaq has a history as a World War II airbase. Visit the 60-metre tall face of the Russell Glacier on the edge of the Greenland ice cap to hear and see it crack and break off into the meltwater. Other popular activities include kayaking on the fjords and wildlife tours of the glacial areas that attract muskoxen, reindeer, arctic foxes and gyrfalcons.

Please Note:

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equipment brought on board must be capable of being carried safely and must be declared before sailing. To ensure that all guests can safely evacuate during an emergency, guests requiring a wheelchair can only be accommodated in our ADA-accessible cabins. We offer an Oceanview stateroom on Vega which is specifically designed to be completely ADA compliant and have a fully operable wheelchair-access wet unit. Vega has two lifts, serving every passenger deck apart from the Stargazing top deck, which is, therefore, more difficult to access, as are the Aft Marina and Swan's Nest forward observation platform. Also, we don't have special equipment to access the swimming pool, jacuzzi, or sauna. Otherwise, the ship is entirely at your disposal. Many of the expeditions ashore in remote places are by Zodiac. Boarding these boats and returning aboard can present challenges for wheelchair users, as can navigating uneven terrain. These challenges are by no means always insurmountable, though, and our highly experienced crew is trained to provide reliable advice and assistance. They will make every effort to ensure wheelchair-using guests enjoy a memorable experience at each destination. Our general guidance, however, is to recommend wheelchair users travel with a companion for their ease and enjoyment. If you prefer to remain aboard, our panoramic interiors and ample open decks ensure an immersive, intimate experience of your inspiring

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